(d) and (e) Some environmental and technical concerns have been raised by Sri Lanka in respect of this project. In this regard, two rounds of expert level bilateral deliberations have been held in New Delhi wherein it has been clarified to Sri Lankan delegation that while formulating the project, adequate care has been taken to ensure that adverse impact on environment is minimal. During the discussions, detailed presentations on the technical investigations and environmental impact assessment were made. Further, as requested by Sri Lankan delegation, some reports relating to technical investigations in respect of this project were also handed over.

Revival of HDPEL

1216. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revival scheme of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineering Ltd. has been examined by Board of Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE);

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Board; and

(c) if not, the reason for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A proposal for Rehabilitation-cum-Restructuring of Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Limited (HDPEL), Kolkata was sent to Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) on 20th April, 2005. The Board had initial round of discussions with officers of HDPEL and Department of Shipping and a presentation on this was also made to the Board on 8th July, 2005. The Board is yet to make recommendations on the proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

Implementation of National Highway Projects

1217. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the poor implementation of the National Highway Projects;